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FOLLOWING REPEAT TELEGRAM SENT ACTION ANKARA AND MANILA ON  
22 APR 76. QUOTE.

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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO USC MR JOSEPH HART

REF: (A) ANKARA 2951, (B) NICOSIA 0196

1. IN VIEW OF (HESITANT) GOT FONOFF ASSURANCES PARA 2 REF A  
LOCAL EMBASSY EMPLOYEE QUERIED TURKISH CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES  
REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF TRANSPORTING HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS  
OF MR AND MRS JOSEPH HART ACROSS CHECKPOINT FROM GOC  
AREA INTO TURKISH AREA. TURKISH CYPRIOT OFFICIAL GAVE  
APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE FOR TRANSFER. HE INDICATED THAT  
FORMAL APPLICATION SHOULD BE MADE AT LEAST ONE WEEK IN  
ADVANCE OF REQUESTED TRANSFER DATE, GIVING DESCRIPTION  
OF EFFECTS TO BE ADMITTED TO TURKISH CONTROLLED AREA.  
MAINLAND TURKISH MILITARY AUTHORITIES MUST CONCUR ON  
TRANSFER BUT TURKISH CYPRIOT OFFICIAL DID NOT ANTICIPATE  
DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING THEIR PERMISSION.

2. EMBASSY HAS HAD NO RECENT COMMUNICATION FROM HARTS

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CONCERNING HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS. WHEN APPROACHED BY EMBASSY

IN JANUARY, TURKISH CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES HAD INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO BE FLEXIBLE ON QUESTION OF TRANSFER HARTS' BELONGINGS ACROSS CHECKPOINT BUT INSISTED ON SPECIFIC APPLICATION IN ADVANCE.

3. EMBASSY WILL OFFER ASSISTANCE WITH TURKISH CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES AND COORDINATE AS APPROPRIATE. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE FULL BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON HARTS' PLANS TO TAKE UP RESIDENCE IN CYPRUS. WHAT IS ETA FOR THEIR RETURN? TRANSFER OF EFFECTS WILL PROBABLY BE COMPLEX AFFAIR REQUIRING MANY DECISIONS OF PERSONAL BUSINESS NATURE WHICH SHOULD BE TAKEN BY MEMBER OF HART FAMILY DIRECTLY OR BY DULY APPOINTED AGENTS ON BOTH SIDES OF CEASEFIRE LINE. BOTH GOC AND TURKISH CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES MAY SEEK TO IMPOSE CUSTOMS DUTIES ON HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS AND CAR. DOES MRS HART INTEND SEPARATE TRIP PRIOR HUSBAND'S RETIREMENT TO HANDLE BUSINESS CONNECTED WITH KYRENIA PROPERTY? HAVE HARTS NAMED AGENTS TO HANDLE ACTUAL TRANSPORTATION AND LOADING/UNLOADING OF EFFECTS?

4. WE CONSIDER IT PRUDENT TO ADVISE MR AND MRS HART TO CAREFULLY CONSIDER UNCERTAIN POLITICAL SITUATION ON CYPRUS IN THEIR OVERALL DECISION TO TAKE UP EARLY RESIDENCE IN KYRENIA. AS NOTED IN REF B, CONDITIONS OF ACCESS TO GOC AND TURKISH CONTROLLED AREAS BY FOREIGNERS VIA CHECKPOINT ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. RESTRICTIONS DESCRIBED IN REF B REMAIN VALID.

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